



A NATIONAL DIALOGUE:

The **Secretary of Education's Commission** on the **Future of Higher Education**

FACT SHEET – April

"It is time to examine how we can get the most out of our national investment in higher education. We have a responsibility to make sure our higher education system continues to meet our nation's needs for an educated and competitive workforce in the 21st century." –Secretary Margaret Spellings

About the Commission

Developing a National Strategy

On September 19, 2005, United States Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings announced the establishment of A National Dialogue: The Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education. Its charge is to ensure that America's system of higher education remains the finest in the world and continues to meet the needs of America's diverse population by expanding opportunity, innovation, and economic growth. Composed of nineteen representatives from both public and private sectors as well as *ex officio* members from the Department of Education and other Federal agencies, the Commission will address vital questions such as:

- How can we ensure that college is affordable and accessible?
- How well are institutions of higher education preparing our students to compete in the new global economy?

The Commission will submit a final report to the Secretary by August 2006.

More information about the Commission is available at:

<http://www.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/hiedfuture/about.html>

Secretary Spellings' Remarks

Announcement of the Establishment of the Commission

<http://www.ed.gov/news/speeches/2005/09/09192005.html>

Webcast of Proceedings, Transcripts, and Testimonies

<http://www.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/hiedfuture/meetings.html>

Upcoming Meeting

May 18-19, 2006

The Watergate Hotel
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